

Memorandum



Date: March 6, 2007

To: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and
Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 12(B)7

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

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Subject: Progress Report No. 1: Advisory Committee meets to address water conservation issues and alternative water supplies for the development community

As posted on the County calendar, on January 26, 2007, the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (MDWASD) hosted an organizational meeting of the Advisory Committee established to discuss water conservation issues and the development of alternative water supplies and county-wide guidelines for the development community. The Advisory Committee is made-up of representatives from BCCO, Building, DERM, DP&Z, GSA, MDFR, MDP, MDWASD and PWD. The Consumer Services Department (CSD) is being added to the list of participating departments as the Agricultural Extension Center which works under the umbrella of CSD will be providing policy recommendations in the area of irrigation. Future meeting dates, agendas and all corresponding documentation will be posted in MDWASD's Water Conservation Website located at <http://www.miamidade.gov/conservation>.

The first meeting held by the Advisory Committee focused on creating a timeline for the completion of the guidelines and the process by which recommendations will be developed by the various department members of the Advisory Committee. Both are outlined below.

Stakeholder groups were identified and a letter will be mailed to those organizations requesting their participation and input. These organizations include the American Society of Landscape Architects, the South Florida Builders Association, the Latin Builders Association, the Sierra Club, the Audubon Society of Florida, the Tropical Audubon Society, the South Florida Regional Planning Council, the Florida Farm Bureau, the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce and the Florida Engineering Society.

Timeline for Completion of Guidelines

- A sixty-day completion timeframe was established at the January 26, 2007 meeting. The final report will be presented to the Governmental Operations and Environment Committee on April 10, 2007. The Advisory Committee has scheduled two follow-up meetings. The first meeting will be held on March 2, 2007 and the second meeting on March 23, 2007. Both meetings are scheduled in the MDWASD Douglas Building and will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Policy Recommendation Process

Advisory Committee members will conduct an overall review of all existing Miami-Dade County Code requirements regarding water conservation and alternative water supplies.


- MDWASD staff will organize and compile the findings submitted by Advisory Committee members regarding the existing Miami-Dade County Code requirements for water

conservation and alternative water supplies and will prepare a presentation for discussion at the March 2, 2007 meeting.

- Advisory Committee members will submit recommendations regarding the requirements for water conservation and alternative water supplies for their specific areas of responsibility by March 16, 2007. Stakeholders will also be asked to submit their comments and recommendations in writing.
- MDWASD staff will compile the recommendations submitted by Advisory Committee members and stakeholder groups regarding the requirements for water conservation and alternative water supplies and will prepare a presentation for discussion at the March 23, 2007 meeting.
- MDWASD staff will prepare final report for the Governmental Operations and Environment Committee for the April 10, 2007 meeting.

The recommendations proposed by the Advisory Committee and stakeholder groups will serve to provide the necessary data to formulate a sound county-wide alternative water resource policy. Likewise, the policy will serve to provide the development community an established set of directions and standards by which to develop alternative water supplies for all new construction in Miami-Dade County including commercial and industrial developments.

Please contact Director John W. Renfrow, P.E. at 786-552-8086 with any questions regarding this matter.



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